

**Resolution authorizing a professional service contract with Erica G. Thomas to provide pre-release vocational instruction and post-release supportive reentry services as the Community Coordinator as it relates to the Second Chance Act grant "Pathways" project and the Franklin County Reentry Coalition (OHS&JP) (\$46,249).**

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Criminal Justice Planning Board has designated reentry of ex-offenders returning to Franklin County from local and state institutions a priority emphasis area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Justice and Bureau of Justice Assistance has awarded to Franklin County a Second Chance Act Technology Careers Training Demonstration Project for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles in the amount of \$747,859 for the provision of reentry services intended to reduce recidivism, increase opportunities for sustained employment while improving reintegration and reentry outcomes of female ex-offenders; and

**WHEREAS**, In December 2013, the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Justice Assistance granted Franklin County a no cost grant extension until December 31, 2014, to focus attention on the local jail. The second iteration of Pathways will offer vocational training, peer mentoring, and seamless support services.

**WHEREAS**, This second project iteration aims to provide up to 50 adult female offenders incarcerated in the Franklin County Correctional Center II with reentry services, job readiness, and an introduction to industry-recognized certification in the green/clean energy sector that will support them in entering this emerging labor market and provide a career and training pathway.

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Thomas, as the Community Coordinator will assist in the implementation and service delivery of the Second Chance Act grant "Pathways" project in the Franklin County Correctional Center II. She will also be responsible for pre-release vocational instruction, job readiness, life skills activities and post-release supportive reentry services. In addition to the Pathways project, Ms. Thomas will provide programmatic and project support to the Franklin County Reentry Coalition;

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**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Purchasing Department and Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs has administratively approved this project and the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney has reviewed the contract and found it to be acceptable as to form; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

The attached contract for service and purchase order, individually described on the accompanying Purchase Order Proof List, under the FY 2012 Second Chance Act Technology Career Training Program for Incarcerated Adults and Juveniles Grant are hereby approved for the agencies and project listed below with CY 2014 expenses not to exceed the listed contract amounts.

AGENCY	CONTRACT AMOUNT
Ms. Erica Thomas	\$46,249

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Commissioners  
OHS&JP  
Erica G. Thomas